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9/11 hearing at Drew to focus on safety issues

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The largest investigation ever of the United States government is coming to a campus near you. Next Wednesday, Drew University President Tom Kean is bringing his other commitment — the 9/11 Commission — from Washington to The Forest for its fifth public hearing, which will be held in Baldwin Gymnasium beginning at 10 a.m.

According to a statement released by the Commission, the hearing will focus on "Private/Public Sector Partnerships for Emergency Preparedness."

"This particular hearing will focus heavily on safety," Kean said. New Jersey Governor James E. McGreevey will be present, along with many family members of victims of the attacks and representatives from offices who lost a number of employees on Sept. 11. The Commission's official statement reports that McGreevey and "four panels of business officials and federal, state and local government representatives," as well as "individuals working to enhance emer-

gency preparedness in the private sector" will be called upon to testify during the hearing, which Kean expects will last five or six hours.

Appointed chairman of the Commission last December by President George W. Bush, Kean will run the hearing, with the assistance of two assigned Commission members who will be addressing questions to the panel.

"This is the first hearing held in the New York proximity," Kean said, adding that it is in large part something he wanted for the victims' families. Kean also felt that the Commission itself should be brought to the part of the country which was so affected by the events of Sept. 11. The day following the hearing will also mark the first time in which all 10 members of the Commission will visit Ground Zero as a whole, though Kean said that most members have done so previously on their own.

This hearing falls during a time in which the Commission has once again dealt with difficulties which have arisen in attempts to gain all

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CAROLINE GARDAROLPE
WMNJ General Manager Chris Chesebro experiments with the new equipment for the radio station. For the full story, see WMNJ, Page 3.



GARYTH NAIR
Branches fell on cars in front of Davis House yesterday, but none were severely damaged.

Rugby player hospitalization prompts hazing investigation

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The Women's Rugby Club is facing a hazing investigation after a new member was transported to the hospital early Sunday morning for alcohol poisoning.

According to Chief of Public Safety Tom Evans, an ambulance was dispatched on Nov. 9 at 12:43 a.m. to pick up the girl from the bathroom of Brown.

"We were originally there to in-

vestigate the party where the girl was drinking with members of the rugby team," Evans said.

Public Safety has turned this case over to Associate Dean of Student Life Gerry Muir. Dean of Educational and Student Affairs Edye Lawler confirmed that the Women's Rugby Club will be facing consequences.

"Once Dean Muir meets with the team and we have all the information for this investigation, the Women's Rugby Club will definitely be formally charged," Lawler said.

Members of the Women's Rugby Club refused to comment on this incident. President of the Men's Rugby Club Dave Codell said the men's club doesn't "call or view it as hazing. We call them appreciations — all the teams do, and they are just supposed to be fun. Everything our players do is of their own free will. We would never make anyone do something they didn't want," Codell said.

Evans agrees there is no haz-

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Student body to decide fate of funding for NJPIRG

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Students will vote next week on whether they want the New Jersey Public Interest Research Group on campus.

Active on Drew University's campus since last year, NJPIRG, according to its mission statement, "is a nonpartisan, nonprofit, student-directed organization that works to protect the environment, protect consumers, and fight for strong, fair democracy. We do this by hiring professional staff and experts to work on these issues."

NJPIRG helped organize the recent Halloween Trick-or-Eat event, which collected canned food for a

local homeless shelter. Additionally, NJPIRG said that it has helped get votes for various environmental programs. Statewide, NJPIRG has registered 10,000 students to vote.

The issue, which will be voted

most Drew clubs. The money would be included in tuition costs of all students. Each semester, students wishing not to have their money go to NJPIRG would be able to get a refund. The amount of money would be \$9.65 per semester, or \$19.30 per year.

NJPIRG states that it needs at least \$25,000 a year to operate. This money is sent to the central NJPIRG office, which redistributes it among student chapters. It also pays for a professional campus organizer, lobbyist, and various operational costs.

While Associate Dean of Student Life Gerry Muir supports what

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on Wednesday and Thursday, centers on NJPIRG's funding. NJPIRG is looking for direct funding, as opposed to money granted by the Extra-Curricular Activities Board (ECAB), the route taken by

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Drew in Brief

Kuumba sponsors step performers and model

This weekend is African Emphasis Weekend. Kuumba is sponsoring a Step Performance tonight at 7 p.m. Learn about the Pan-Hellenic 9 and watch a performance of different routines. The performance starts at 7 p.m. in UC 107.

Model Alex Wek will be at Drew on Saturday to discuss her native country of Sudan, and her fashion career. The talk will take place at 2 p.m. in Brothers College Chapel. Admission is free.

Magical Night of Giving promises fun

The fifth annual Magical Night of Giving will take place on Sunday at Jersey Gardens from 6-9 p.m. The event will include random drawings, entertainment, free giveaways, store promotions and guest appearances. Tickets are \$5 and will benefit the Drew Mentor Program (Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metro Newark).

Transportation will be first come, first serve. A bus will leave campus at 5 p.m. and is scheduled to return at 10 p.m. Sponsored by the Volunteer Resource Center.

Share comments at open forum

There will be an open forum on Tuesday to discuss the Presidential Planning Commission's report and the President's Strategic Planning White Paper. Those who wish to share their comments must bring a written statement and limit verbal presentations to three to five minutes. The forum will begin at 7 p.m. in UC 107.

Business ecology expert to speak

Amy Townsend, C'87, will give a lecture on "Business Ecology: Creating Sustainable Firms for the 21st Century." Townsend is the president of Sustainable Development International Corp. and conducts research and writings about workplaces and the environment. The lecture and a reception will take place Monday at 6 p.m. in Hall of Sciences Room 4.

Womyn's Concern Housing due

Applications to live in the Womyn's Concerns House next spring are due to the UC desk or Eberhardt 24C by 5 p.m. on Thursday. Women and men from all years may apply.

Latina speaker to discuss politics

Dr. Christine Marie Sierra will visit Drew on Wednesday to discuss "In English, Spanish, and Spanish: The Politics of Inclusion for Latinas and Latinos in Contemporary America." Her lecture will examine how the Latino population is changing the style and substance of American politics. The lecture will take place at 7 p.m. in LC 28.

Kean's open hour

President Kean's next open hour will be held Nov. 18 at 2 p.m. in his office on the second floor of Mead Hall.

PUBLIC SAFETY BLOTTER

The Public Safety Blotter will no longer be directly provided to *The Acorn*, due in part to Public Safety's time constraints. We are sorry for this inconvenience to you and us. An online version of the Blotter will be updated at the discretion of Public Safety on their website at www.depts.drew.edu/safety. Let us know your thoughts on this matter. Call *The Acorn* at x4207 or e-mail us at acorn@drew.edu.

Misconceptions cleared about alcohol transports

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Although students have seen more ambulances on campus recently, the majority of the calls are for non-alcohol-related incidents.

In *The Acorn*'s Oct. 31 issue, Chief of Public Safety Tom Evans said there were four students sent to the hospital for excessive drinking, but President of the Madison Ambulance Corps Robert Landrigan said there were "about a dozen." The second time *The Acorn* interviewed Evans, he said, "I just don't tell lies here. We don't want to hide [these statistics] from anyone."

He reported that there were 33 ambulances on campus up until Nov. 2 that transported students to Morristown Memorial Hospital. Of those ambulances, eight carried alcohol-related patients. According to the Associate Dean of Student Life Gerry Muir, two of the transports were because of the same student and one of them was a sports recruit. The remaining transports were either because of flu-like symptoms, or sports-related injuries, according to Evans.

The disparity in numbers is because of Public Safety's documentation. Three transports occurred in October, accounting for the missing incidents. It is not uncommon for the medical emergency reports to be finished the week after the month's end,

according to Administrative Assistant of Public Safety Amy Sugerman. Since the publication of the Oct. 31 article, there was one additional transport on Nov. 2. At the time Landrigan was interviewed, there were seven alcohol transports. Landrigan has recently confirmed the numbers and said, "I'm sorry, it just seemed like there were more." Madison Ambulance Corps is called "after a patient has lost consciousness. At the time Public Safety calls, our ambulances are there within 5 to 10 minutes. When we arrive, we check the student's vitals and transport them to the hospital. In my opinion, the number of calls this year has seemed to decrease," he said.

Additionally, Evans was not concerned with how many ambulances have been on campus. "Why should I care how many ambulances come here?" Evans said — he is aware of the ambulances when he reads the reports, but it is not something he refers back to. According to Muir, "Public Safety officers were trained as first response officers last year — they are trained as EMTs."

Evans said, "If a student is drunk, we will only send them to the hospital if they are unconscious." For non-alcohol-related transports, he said, "If you tell me you want to go, you're going and you are getting there by ambulance." There is no money issue. "We are very lucky — the transports are at no cost to the University," he said.

Although Alcohol Coordinator of Substance Awareness and Educational Programs Audra Tonerio said most incidents occur in the begin-

ning of the semester, there have been four transports in the past month. Muir believes that mid-October through November is "a more stressful time for students," because there is more academic pressure and the weather is getting colder which "tends to depress people."

Students who have been transported to the hospital for excessive drinking must meet with Tonerio to determine if the student has a problem. There is also a follow-up meeting with Muir, who decides if the student should be placed on a one-year probation and needs additional meetings with Tonerio. "If you have to come and see me, something's not working for you," Tonerio said she receives "referrals from professors, the ResLife staff, students who come to speak about their friends, and students on their own accord."

"There are days when I have an appointment every hour of every day," Tonerio is on campus Monday through Wednesday from about 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursdays she is here until about 10 p.m., either meeting with students or overseeing activities.

Tonerio said she recognizes the reasons students are drinking, but feels that "they are definitely going about that the wrong way. On low levels, alcohol is a stimulant, but once you get over a certain line, depressive factors kick in, inhibitions are dropped, and the student is in a potentially dangerous situation."

"If you have three to four drinks in four hours, you'll experience more of the positive things and less of the negative things, such as being sick, throwing up, or not remembering the

night. I know that this is definitely an issue, and something that by doing different activities on campus we try to address."

As for the recent spike in alcohol transports, Tonerio said she believes that this is a result of the fact that "Students are more aware of the potential of what can happen if they let a friend just sleep it off. Everybody wants to err on the side of caution."

Muir stated that she, Tonerio, and Director of Residence Life Frank Merckx are "trying to access the peak [in alcohol transports], but until we find the causes, we are trying to offer students more options on Thursday nights, or on more 'social' nights."

The University publishes its crime report yearly on the Campus Security website (www.drew.edu/safety/) in compliance with the federally enforced Campus Clear Act, according to Muir. The number of Liquor Law violations cites the number of documentation, not necessarily the number of students who broke the law. An alcohol policy violation includes any student "found consuming or in possession of an open container in a public area" or found selling alcohol in residence halls or transporting alcohol or open containers in any public area, according to Daniel's Dictionary. Muir reported that, so far this semester, 46 documentations have been written up, incorporating 97 Drew students and alumni. As a result of breaking the Liquor Law, Muir said, "students usually are placed on a four-month-long probation and attend an online alcohol education class."

SGA discusses NJPIRG referendum

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The Student Government Association New Jersey Public Interest Research Group committee presented its suggestions for resolving the issue of whether or not to add a waivable fee of \$9.65 per semester to the activities fee on Drew's tuition bill to form a chapter of NJPIRG on campus. The committee concluded that it will be necessary to hold a referendum to gain the students' opinions on adding the fee.

At the SGA meeting on Sunday, the previously formed NJPIRG committee, which consists of senators, administrators, representatives of the business office and NJPIRG members, presented its proposal to resolve the conflicts between groups that are for and against adding the fee for NJPIRG.

According to the committee, the students' opinions are necessary to persuade the administration to put the fee on the bill.

The results of the vote will be presented to the University Expenditures Committee, which will make the final decision.

"The administration would like to

see that there is an overwhelming student support before they change the student activity fee," Interim Chapter Chair of NJPIRG Jen Siaca said.

If implemented, the added student fee will go to paying professional organizers to help the students to get people involved in the club's activities. "To institute a program like this on campus there has to be stable funding for it," NJPIRG campus organizer Gretchen Ludwig said.

Ludwig described the organization as a way to illustrate that, "Students care about issues and want to make a difference."

"I think it's a good organization to keep on campus, and it really helps the community," freshman Jose Marcial said. While some students clearly support the establishment of NJPIRG on Drew's campus, others do not back it. "The organization has just recently joined the Drew community. First there was a small table in the UC and then I was bothered by the representative as I entered and left The Commons and the UC. Now everywhere I turn all I see is NJPIRG posters ... It creeps up from the bushes and pounces on your community. Next thing you know it's making decisions you never thought it had the authority to make," junior Brian Libert said.

The administration is unsure

about this decision because of its concerns with the funding of NJPIRG through a mandatory opt-out fee. Associate Dean of Student Life Gerry Muir stated in an e-mail to the NJPIRG committee about the opt-out fee, "It assumes that the majority of our students and/or their families are blindly paying for something they may or may not support."

The SGA debated several points about the importance of holding a referendum for the future of NJPIRG at Drew. They discussed the number of votes in favor of the referendum needed to adequately convince the expenditures committee that the majority of students wanted the fee.

While the NJPIRG committee proposed that "the referendum must show that 30 percent plus one of the student body voted yes to NJPIRG," some SGA members felt that 30 percent of the students would not be representative of the feelings of the whole College of Liberal Arts.

"Thirty percent plus one is abusing the student body," University Senator Doug Suessegger said. "The only number that is fair would be 50 percent plus one because that would mean that at least half of the campus plus one wants NJPIRG on campus. Fifty percent plus one is a strong statement."

The SGA concluded that it would present the results of the vote, re-

gardless of the percentages, to the expenditures committee and let the members make their own conclusion.

As of now, the SGA constitution has no rules in its election statutes on how to fairly govern a referendum.

"There were no guidelines in the constitution, so we had to create new guidelines," SGA President Corey Bower said.

The SGA proposed new statutes which limit NJPIRG's campaigning and will be used as a new precedent for future referendums. NJPIRG cannot use phone distribution lists but can put information in students' campus mailboxes. They also have no monetary limit on what they can spend to campaign and they cannot buy gifts to persuade people to vote yes in favor of NJPIRG.

Along with the referendum, students living in Holloway will be able to vote for a new senator because the seat of current senator Arthur Parisi has been declared vacant due to missing more than the allotted two meetings per semester. "Nobody has told me that my seat was declared vacant. I haven't received an official call," Parisi said. "I was never really serious about the SGA — I didn't even really run. I decided to drop it because I had too much to do."

WMNJ staff hopes to hit the airwaves soon

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Returning students may have noted that Drew's radio station, WMNJ-FM, failed to return to campus in September. Technical difficulties have prevented the station from going on air so far this semester.

Located in the basement of Tolley-Brown, the station was most recently revived two years ago, after a five-year hiatus. Last year was its first fully functional year, and this year's staff has been working to get on the air as soon as possible.

According to General Manager Christopher Chesebro, the transmitter was broken, making it impossible to broadcast a signal. He said, "It is unfortunate that it has taken so long to get started, but there was nothing we could do to get on the air any earlier. The problems we experienced were unforeseen. We held a promotion the first week of school, giving tickets away to the freshmen, but when we went to turn

on the transmitter, it didn't work."

In addition, students cracked a cable located behind Tolley by sliding down it. Finally, Chesebro believes the frequency is clogged. Although new equipment, including a transmitter, has been purchased, the set-up process has been more difficult than expected.

Funding for the new equipment was received from the Office of Student Activities. Money was allocated from an account set aside specifically for media, including *Insanity's Horse*, *The Acorn*, *Drew's* TV station, and WMNJ. Director of Student Activities Maria Miceli-Jacobson verified this allocation of funds.

She explained that each club and organization has a certain budget that can be used for buying new items or attending conferences and seminars.

If more money is required, Student Activities will enter in a co-sponsorship with a group, supplying funds to defray the cost. Although Miceli-Jacobson would not comment on exactly how much funding WMNJ received, the station was co-sponsored by Student Activities. This money assisted the

station in buying its new equipment and helped to send the staff to a leadership conference.

Nine WMNJ staff members attended a conference last weekend in Boston, which provided them with new ideas and techniques. Members of the FCC, as well as representatives from various other organizations, were present to discuss fundraising and suggestions for hosting a radio show.

Informed and inspired by the presentation, Chesebro stated that he is eager to use what he's learned to better the station. If things go as scheduled, he hopes to install the new transmitter Saturday and begin recording within the next few weeks.

Once up and running, the station will be transmitted all over campus, 24 hours a day. Program Director Kristen Vaughan expresses high expectations for the station. "We are excited to begin, and have great ideas which we hope will reach out to a bigger audience. We have a large staff this year, which will help everything run smoothly."

The DJs for the year already have a number of new ideas that they are eager to try. Vaughan said the DJs

determine the content of their own shows. They have the choice of formatting their shows however they see fit, from music to announcing to audience call-in. Live shows will broadcast for most of the day.

Sophomore DJ Katherine Mobayed will host her own show, and she is extremely excited. She will incorporate a variety of music, and plans on taking calls and giving students the chance to speak.

The technical problems facing the crew didn't seem to dampen her spirits or enthusiasm. She said, "I'm a little disappointed that it has taken so long, but I understand that these things happen. I am just really looking forward to getting started, even if I have to wait until next semester."

DJ Linda Chuong, a sophomore, is excited to begin her show and plans on directing it specifically towards the students. She wants to give them the chance to speak their mind and discuss topics that interest them. She said, "I see the station as a means for students to voice their opinion."

Freshman Olivia Dreizen is anticipating the start of her show, but is nervous as well. She plans on play-

ing a lot of music, because she believes that is what most students want to hear. She was unaware of the problems facing the station but accepted the delay.

She just wanted everything to be done correctly, even if it meant postponing the starting date. She said, "We have a lot of new CDs and many new DJs who will add their talents to the station. The new equipment helps us maintain a more professional air. It's a new beginning, and it is going to be great."

Sophomore Ryan Crowley, also a DJ, plans to focus his show on music, especially rock. He believes the delay throws the DJs off schedule, but understands that delays are inevitable and the Executive Board is doing all it can to solve the problems. He attributes most of the problems to the equipment, saying it was very old and needed to be updated.

He stressed the importance of the Drew community getting involved. He said, "I encourage everybody on campus to listen to the station. We're going to play good music and DJs are working really hard. We are all enthusiastic and want everybody to give their support."

Students complain of conflicts, oppose early classes

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Later today, Drew's faculty will vote on whether or not to institute a new class schedule.

The new schedule would have classes starting at 8:30 a.m. and would eliminate the lunch period on Monday, Wednesday and Friday — opening up an additional time slot for classes to meet at 12:05-1:05 p.m.

The proposed class schedule, in effect, pushes up all class meeting times by 15 minutes in order to create more afternoon time slots.

The Student Government Association sent out a survey via e-mail this week to Drew students pertaining to this idea of a new time slot for classes.

According to the SGA's Secretary of Internal Affairs and Representative to the Dean's Council Ellen Moule, a number of professors suggested adding another time slot.

The issue was brought up at a Dean's Council meeting last month and the council asked that the SGA conduct the survey in order to get student feedback on the proposed changes.

Moule wrote the survey and compiled all the results so that she and SGA President Corey Bower can present the findings at this week's faculty meeting before the vote takes place.

Sixty-one percent of the 490 polled students are opposed to the changes, however, Moule does not feel that the 60-40 divide is not significant enough for the faculty to ignore the intense need for additional class availability.

Over 60 percent of the surveyed students noted that they had problems with conflicting class times.

Moule also points out that the freshman class is the most opposed to the earlier class meeting times, having a 73 percent disapproval rate.

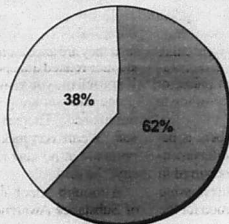
If the faculty approves the changes, the new schedule will go into effect at the start of the Fall 2004 semester.

Moule anticipates that the proposed scheduling changes will pass the faculty vote.

"The faculty is serious about needing additional space for classes," Moule said.

Although classes will be meeting earlier, there will be more time slots for afternoon classes.

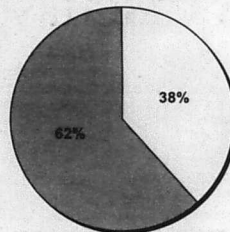
Did you have problems with conflicting class times during registration?



485 students polled

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Do you support the proposed schedule change?



488 Total Students Polled

Yes
No

73% of Freshmen Opposed
53% of Seniors Opposed



Beyond the Bubble

Suspected drug dealer caught with drugs and baby

Police in Germany reported on the arrest of a suspected drug dealer last Friday after they found him pushing a baby carriage full of a 1-year-old baby, \$39,000 and keys to a car, which contained 92 pounds of hashish.

The police told reporters, "The suspect took the baby for

walks and did his drug business on the side." The suspect, 22, declined to comment.

Kissing a misdemeanor?

Russian newspaper *Stolichnaya Vechernyaya Gazeta* reported on Monday that authorities in Moscow are considering a ban on kissing that might even include husbands embracing their wives. The newspaper quoted unnamed authorities as saying that the intro-

duction of the ban could raise "levels of public morality." Although Moscow police would not comment on the article, it said there was a possibility that "from the New Year, citizens kissing and embracing publicly will be fined. Particularly blatant cases could even lead to a spell of temporary detention in jail."

Dictionary defines McDonald's slang

In an open letter to the media, Chairman and Chief Executive Of-

ficer of McDonald's Jim Cantalupo, wrote that *Merriam-Webster's* definition of the word "McJob" is "an inaccurate description of restaurant employment," and, "a slap in the face to 12 million men and women who work hard every day..."

Merriam-Webster's latest collegiate dictionary defines the word in question as "a low-paying job that requires little skill and provides little opportunity for advancement." The letter also demanded that the publisher remove the definition from the next edition of the dictionary.

Muslim cleric forces more fasting

According to *Reuters*, Muslim cleric Veysel Mat in Akcakoka,

Turkey erroneously forced another day of fasting for the holy month of Ramadan after reading the call to prayer five minutes early.

Officials reported that Mat miscalculated the time of sundown last Thursday. Kemal Turksoy told *Reuters* that because of the mistake, anyone who broke the fast cannot eat one more day after Ramadan ends, which will be on Nov. 21 this year. "Several people complained and an investigation has been launched," Turksoy said. In addition, Mat has been reprimanded.

Although unsure how many people were affected, Turksoy said there are 10 mosques for 25,000 people, and all the mosques are connected by a central broadcasting system.

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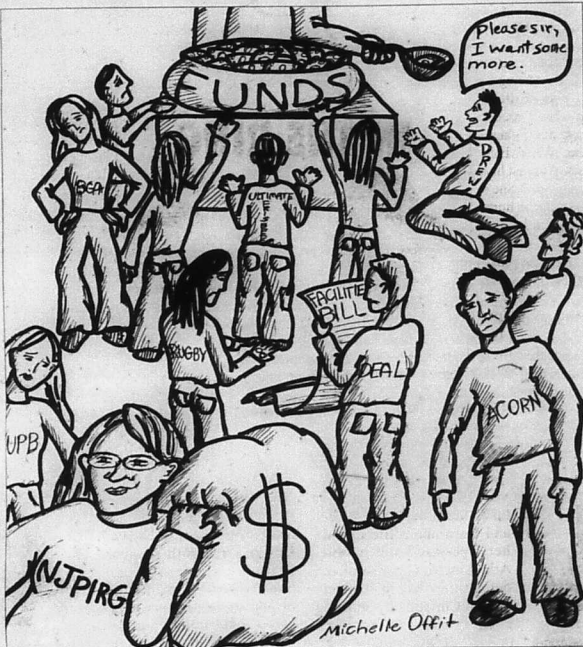
Vote 'no' on NJPIRG referendum

Does Drew want to give away the combination of its safe to an outside organization? Are Drewids really that gullible?

Those questions will be answered on Wednesday and Thursday when students will be asked to vote on a referendum whether to establish a chapter of the New Jersey Public Interest Research Group at Drew. While the work NJPIRG does is admirable, Drew does not need to be held hostage by an outside group which isn't satisfied with becoming a student club through the normal means. If the vote passes, NJPIRG will receive \$25,000 per year, money that should go to many student groups and clubs already on campus that are in debt.

For most of this semester, NJPIRG has made its presence known, informing students of all the beneficial programs they sponsor in hopes of raising awareness of environmental and social issues. Yet we have the Drew Environmental Action League, which helps with campus clean-up, and College Republicans and Democrats, which help to register voters. NJPIRG, though it does good work, is redundant.

But the issue is more than just whether Drew should have a chapter of NJPIRG. The issue at hand is one that most people don't like to talk about: money. To maintain the chapter, NJPIRG would require \$25,000. The group was offered a chance to become an Extra-Curricular Activities Board club, but turned down the option because that would not supply it with enough money. NJPIRG then received



an opt-in choice on students' tuition bills, but again rejected the offer. NJPIRG wanted an opt-out choice, meaning students would have to check off a box if they didn't want to fund it. The difference is simply that tuition bills are confusing enough, and most students, not knowing what to do, would pay all charges. Having to opt-out would unfairly benefit NJPIRG.

When the University said no to this, NJPIRG threatened to leave campus if it couldn't get the \$25,000 per year it needs. Drew was held hostage by this group, which students can easily live without.

If passed, NJPIRG would instantly become the most well-funded group on campus. Yet not all the money would

necessarily go to Drew—it would go to the state chapter and the money would be used to sponsor activities off campus. But there are plenty of groups on campus that could put this money to better use. The student activities fee now supplies funding for 42 clubs and organizations, as well as various campus initiatives. A number of these are already in debt, including Ultimate Frisbee, Rugby and *The Acorn*.

Not only would individual groups suffer, but a number of programs Drew sponsors are also part of the student activities fee. The University Programming Board, the Student Government Association and the program that brings newspapers to the dormitories are all included as well. That \$25,000 can go

a long way to help out all of those organizations and programs. Instead, voting "yes" for NJPIRG would put that money into the pocket of a brand-new group less concerned with the Forest than with outside interests.

With the referendum, students will vote either to support a mandatory charge of \$19.30 per year added to tuition, which would be refundable. In other words, you will be charged if this passes, then given a chance at the beginning of the semester to receive a check if you don't support it. However, even with the possible refund, voting "yes" would still set a dangerous precedent, opening a veritable can of worms.

What would there be to stop other organizations from filling our tuition bills with unnecessary charges in the future? If the NJPIRG referendum passes, any outside group should be able to receive funds. Soon, if enough organizations come to set up shop, tuition bills could reach \$50,000 each year, with a possibility for a \$20,000 refund.

The fact is that Drew does not need NJPIRG. Drew does not need to spend so much money on an outside group, providing it with a bankroll that surpasses that of the 75-year-old student-run newspaper and every other student organization. If NJPIRG wants to be a student group on campus, that's fine, so long as it's willing to follow the same rules as every other club. But if not, then NJPIRG can move on to another campus. Who knows, maybe the next university on its list will be willing to put a fee on that school's bill to fund the purchase of the Brooklyn Bridge.



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Battle of the pop princesses

Christina Aguilera gets down and dirty proving she's the better singer

Britney Spears scores with a new album and wins over X-tina any day

Now if you had to choose between two tacky, blonde singing chicks named Christina and Britney, who would you pick? A hard decision to make, but *In the Ring* has finally settled this issue once and for all. While my lovely opponent makes the best effort she can to defend the Spears chick, I have to wholeheartedly disagree by stating the obvious — Christina Aguilera is by far the better entertainer and singer.

Let's begin this discourse with the most important category — singing. While Christina's voice is a mix of gospel singers like Aretha Franklin and popstars like Mariah Carey, Britney's voice is reminiscent of a dying goat. Granted both their intro songs "Hit Me Baby One More Time" and "Genie in a Bottle" were both annoying, at least Christina could actually sing.

Fast forward five, six years, a couple of racy magazine layouts and some high profile affairs — both stars release their new albums. *Stripped* and *In the Zone*. Christina came out first with a racy new attitude and an "I'm a female, hear me roar" attitude. Once again she proves she's a singer with a voice worthy of all its praise. But her talent finally had substance in songs like "Beautiful," that actually have depth and meaning. Even the video for the song was a different move, addressing issues like homosexuality and eating disorders. Christina has truly matured with her music.

As for Britney, if you classify mature as making out and gyrating with Madonna, then yes, her music has matured as well. The first single of her new album is "Me Against the Music," featuring her make-out pal, Madonna. There is absolutely nothing good about this song other than the fact that she dances well, and that's only to distract viewers from paying attention to her horrid voice. Surprise,

folks, it actually gets worse.

Category number two — evidence of a brain. Granted that most pop stars aren't exactly the smartest people in the country and I hardly expect them to have a discussion on Nietzsche's philosophy, but there is something known as being worldly and well spoken. Then I read Britney Spears' recent quote in *US* magazine, "What's Hinduism? Is that like Kabbalah?" She's so stupid it hurts my head and makes me want to cry. Being in a business that involves interacting with numerous people from around the world, I didn't think they could be so ignorant.

Christina on the other hand began her career by going on tour with a Japanese singer and recorded a Spanish album within her first three years in the industry. I have yet to see Britney take advantage of the career that takes her around the world, and learn about life outside her five-star hotel bubble. And now with her new album out, Britney has to suddenly one-up Christina by showing even more skin, wearing things that don't match and, of course, the infamous kiss. There's nothing I hate more than a wannabe. She's posing as a bad girl just because it's the "in" thing now, yet in interviews and television programs she claims to still be the same small-town girl. Who is she kidding? She is about as small town as the Starbucks franchise.

Putting glitz and glamour aside, Christina is clearly the babe with the better voice and a talent that needs no synthesizer as an accompaniment.

Britney Spears is way cooler than Christina Aguilera. I know what you're thinking, reader: "Nooooo!" Oh, but yes. And here's why. If we went on straight talent alone then I can honestly say that Britney has more of it than Christina. Britney may not be able to belt it out in several octaves ... or sing on key, however at least she can sing and dance. Can we say the same for Christina and her pole dance-ese self? Nope. Let's all open our eyes and see that Britney has the moves. The most dancing I've ever seen Christina Aguilera do is

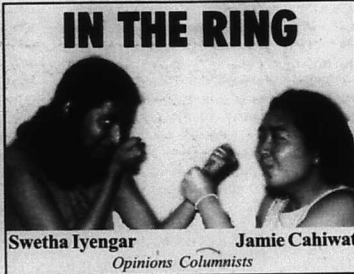
good for you. Awesome.

Britney Spears has an excellent body. I'm not gay, but I do appreciate and admire her body. Christina, on the other hand, looks anorexic. Britney eats, but also works out. Good for her, I say. I give props to anyone with a workout ethic like that. That takes dedication.

Another point in favor of Britney is that she not only hooked up with Madonna in front of thousands of people, but she took that infamous kiss to the next level and had Madonna show up on the first single of her latest album, "Me Against the Music." Even better, she got Madonna to be in the video! Britney's utilization of Madonna and her influence has led to a more sophisticated self presentation, whereas Christina's lip-locking with the Material Girl seemed cloying and unnecessary. And was largely ignored by the media and the people.

Let's hear it for the Britney Spears Camp for the Performing Arts, people. I don't see any Christina Aguilera Reading for the Blind Camp, do I? Does anyone else? Britney's giving back, and you can't put anyone down for wanting to help the less fortunate. If Christina had her own little camp that helped out people who don't have the means to cultivate their talents, then some people might give her some respect. Until then, Britney is way cooler than that Christina.

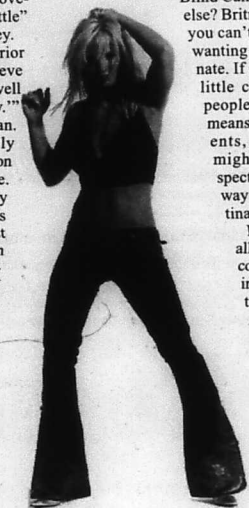
Finally, I think we should all give props to Britney coming from a small town in Louisiana and getting to where she is now. Anyone who can turn herself into an iconic superstar when she used to sing and dance in cowboy boots is impressive. Plus, macking it with both the new King and reigning Queen of Pop is hot.



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Reader's Forum

Foreign languages are necessary for an educated America

To the Editor:

This is a response to John Kubicek's article in the Oct. 24 edition of *The Acorn* regarding the foreign language requirement at Drew. I'll admit I never read John Kubicek's columns. I find them thoughtless, written purely for shock-value and, honestly, not worth my time. However, the article he wrote for the Oct. 24 edition of *The Acorn* upset me on two levels.

The primary level of course deals with the events which have occurred over the last few years. In this time of conflict, all Americans should embrace the plurality which exists in the world, and shun closed-mindedness. One should relish learning a foreign language, and about a foreign culture.

As a person who has traveled extensively, I find that being multi-lingual not only is a benefit practically, in that it allows me to navigate a foreign country with ease, but also emotionally. Other countries and cultures like an educated American, and that is exactly what one becomes by learning a foreign language.

The second level on which I was disturbed by Kubicek's article has to do with the fact that he is a tour guide. A tour guide

should be an open-minded person who embraces the culture here at Drew. Not someone who whines about a class he was required to take in order to expand his mind and ambitions.

The very design of a liberal arts college is to educate students on all levels of academia. If Kubicek didn't want to be so educated, then perhaps he should have attended a technical school where he could have taken as many math classes as he pleased.

I am not demanding that Kubicek make a formal apology to the French department (which is one of the strongest departments here at Drew) or to any of the other language departments here at Drew. Nor am I requesting that Kubicek resigns as a tour guide until he learns to have a better understanding of what a Drew education is really about.

I only hope that for the remainder of his time writing for *The Acorn* he puts a little more thought into his articles, and not just write about things that he thinks will get him attention. Trust me, we'd all appreciate it. Oh, and the past participle of aim is aimed.

Joy Engel
CLA '05

Security measures should be taken with commuters in mind

To the Editor:

Lately there's been a big fuss on campus about letting people into residence halls. The general message is to not let anyone into your building, unless you definitely know who they are. Otherwise, it could be anyone — a pesky solicitor, a vending machine thief, or a potential sexual predator.

Besides, as Chief Tom Evans said in the Oct. 24 issue of *The Acorn*, "anyone who has a reason for being in the dorms has a key." But wait! There's a problem here. I don't have a key, and I have had reasons to enter dorms in the past. How come? I'm one of the tiny 10 percent of students who are Drew commuters, and this tiny 10 percent is virtually banned from entering residence halls — unless, of course, someone will let you in.

I attended a meeting last fall in Riker, and the only reason I was able to attend it was in thanks to a couple of residents who let me in while they were outside smoking cigarettes, and I am not the only commuter who has experienced this little obstacle. Meetings in residence halls are common, and several people I know have related stories of waiting in the cold or rain until a

resident walked by to open the door for them.

Although this is a minor problem, it has the potential of becoming even more annoying once students start heeding the advice of Public Safety — and I'm not saying they shouldn't. I agree that letting strangers into your dorm can be dangerous, but I also don't want to have to whip out my Drew ID every time I want to get into a meeting.

I don't know how expensive it would be to get fobs for commuters, or if that would even be practical, since some might not even use it. I also don't think we can start asking clubs to meet outside of residence halls, but I just wanted to give a heads up to those who think that everyone who needs dorm access has it. We don't.

This isn't a major problem, but it's enough of an issue for the University to give some consideration to issuing fobs for commuters. We should be able to have access to meetings with as little hassle as possible. After all, we're Drewies too.

Ann Lesiak
CLA '06

Napping during the day refreshes the mind

It's impossible for me to get my requisite 10 hours of sleep each night. Between academics, *The Acorn* and reruns of *The West Wing* on Bravo, there's just no time during the day to get some rest.

Hip Deep in Pie



John Kubicek
Opinions Columnist

ing the evening to get some rest. There is only one solution to this problem, and no, it's not scaling back on my weekly television intake.

Naps. Naps are the answer to all of college life's problems. They revitalize, refresh and do a great deal of other things that begin with the prefix re-. A nap to me is like an injection of heroin to a junkie.

Remember back to preschool? The good times when juice came in boxes and only the poor kids ate hydrox cookies? Those were the days. And that was also the time when you'd take out your little carpet square and take a nap, right there on the floor. Life sure was sweet back then.

I'm not suggesting we bring back nap time for college. The cost of adequate-sized carpet squares for all students would probably increase tuition by another five percent anyway. Instead, students should take it upon themselves to make their own time in their schedules to lay down for a little visit from Señor Sandman.

There are, obviously, opportune times to take your nap. And, as an expert in napping, you better to tell you when to do it than I.

First of all, post-meal naps are always especially fantastic. If you

have classes all morning, your afternoon will be divine with a chicken pattie sandwich topped off by one of the most luxurious two-hour naps you've ever had. It's almost as good as the post-Thanksgiving, tryptophan-induced deep sleep that everyone enjoys.

If you happen to have a class after lunch, then this nap is not for you. Fear not, however, because there is another time perfect for napping. Say you have a huge paper due the next day. You're dog-tired, it's only 10 p.m. and there are nine blank pages on the screen looking back at you with that taunting look they do so well. Whatever will you do?

Simple: you take a nap. Set that alarm of yours for 1 a.m., dim the lights and say "sayonara" to your woes. When you wake up you'll be raring to go and that paper will be a piece of cake. This way you'll never have to write a paper early again.

Before you feel that you're ready to go off into napland, there are two caveats I must explain. Firstly, if you're doing the 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. nap, be sure to set your alarm. Check it three times because if you forget, that's the ballgame. The second and most important warning is this: do not remove your clothes during a nap. Disrobing equals a real sleep, it's that simple. You can take off your socks, but that's it. Pants and shirts must stay on. With this rule, it may sound like napping is the least fun activity you can do in a bed, but that's far from true.

Naps are as necessary to college life as the password to a good speakeasy was during Prohibition. If done properly, napping will allow you to enjoy your time at Drew without suffering from sleep deprivation.



A defining show of our generation

Each generation has some kind of cultural event that historians use to label it — for example, the World War II generation, the Woodstock gen-



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eration and the disco generation. These generations don't have much in common, except that everyone who lived through them was affected by the event that defines them. Also, everyone has an opinion on the event, good or bad.

It's my opinion that our generation will not be defined by an event, but rather, a television show — *Saved By the Bell*. I feel very strongly about this.

Is there anyone out there who doesn't have an opinion on this show? Anyone who doesn't break into a smile when it's mentioned? Is there any guy who didn't strive to be as cool as Zach Morris or any girl who didn't yearn to be as pretty as Kelly Kapowski?

What else in the early '90s had the sort of cultural impact on our generation that *Saved By the Bell* did? You can't sing the song "I'm So Excited" without thinking about the episode where Jessie Spano had to perform it in some music video. She overdosed on caffeine pills and began resembling a combination of a bag lady

in a New York slum and a crack addict. Even Mariah Carey on her worst acting day could not top Elizabeth Berkley in that episode.

It was the height of unintentional comedy, not just in the '90s, but of all time.

Everyone knows that episode. It's our generation's "Neil Armstrong walking on the moon" moment, the moment where everyone who saw it can remember where they were and what they were doing.

In my town, and I'm guessing in every other small town in America, there wasn't much else to do on weekdays between 5 and 6 p.m. after sixth grade let out for the day other than to watch *Saved By the Bell*. I, along with all of my classmates, quickly became experts on the show.

We loved all the characters. We wished for a dopey-but-cool principal like Mr. Belding. We got furious whenever they showed a "Miss Bliss" episode. We wondered why our school didn't have a budget like Bayside High's, with its swimming pool, countless athletic teams, huge chemistry labs and very own '50s style restaurant. And we wasted countless hours of our youth pondering unanswerable questions, such as "Why is Slater so popular with that goofy mullet/afro?" and "Did Zach ever develop carpal tunnel from holding that humongous cell phone?"

With the huge cellulators and hideous clothing, the show has no hope of holding up over time.

It has early '90s written all over it, making it *Our Show*. From the cheesy opening graphics to the last awful guitar riff at the end, this show is already dated. It belongs to us, folks. No future generation will truly understand it. It embodies the environment we grew up in.

The cast knows it, too: I don't care how many softcore porn movies Berkley does, or how many cop shows Mark-Paul Gosselaar is on, or how many femmy talk shows Mario Lopez does, they're always going to be Jessie Spano, Zach Morris and A.C. Slater.

The perfect example of what I'm talking about came just last week. My suitemate Greg and I were getting ready to go to the bus for our United Nations class on Tuesday. I flipped on the TV and saw Zach Morris taking a homeless guy into his house for Christmas dinner. The homeless guy repays him by playing "Silent Night" on the piano for the whole gang in a simultaneously emotional and ridiculous scene. I loved every second of it, and it almost made Greg and me late for the bus. But it was worth it, just to be able to add another episode to the thousands that I've probably watched over my lifetime.

It may not be Woodstock. It's definitely not World War II. Heck, it's not even disco. But it's what we have. When we look back at our childhoods, the major connecting force between us and our peers will be Zach and the gang.

And I, for one, am absolutely fine with that.

Reader's Forum

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Addition of NJPIRG chapter would cause unnecessary fees

To the Editor:

This Wednesday and Thursday the Student Government Association will be hosting a referendum on whether or not to add an additional annual fee of \$19.30 to the tuition bill of students in the College of Liberal Arts. This fee will go to pay for a student chapter of the New Jersey Public Interest Research Group (NJPIRG) to be formed at Drew. However, the key issue does not center on whether or not NJPIRG would be a good fit for Drew; rather, the issue is: Should Drew allow non-university organizations to assess fees to our students through our tuition bills?

NJPIRG has been invited to be a part of our campus as an ECAB group, as a Student Activities group, as a club with a part-time stipend for a campus coordinator. When none of the established formats were found acceptable, NJPIRG was offered an opportunity to implement an opt-in fee, wherein students who are looking to support NJPIRG could opt to pay a fee to the student chapter. NJPIRG rejected all of these options because none of the above would guarantee the group enough funds to support its work at the level the state organization demands. In meeting with representatives from NJPIRG, SGA, and the University administration, it became clear that NJPIRG must assess a minimum of \$25,000.00 annually to implement and maintain a chapter on campus. The

group would leave campus if that amount of money was not generated. To generate this level of funding, a student would have to be charged \$19.30 annually, and roughly 1,250 students would need to pay the annual fee (about 80 percent of the student body).

NJPIRG's experience at other institutions has shown that, while it is rare, if ever, that 80 percent of the student body chooses to support PIRG with an opt-in fee, far less than 20 percent of students opt-out from paying the fee if the fee is listed along with other University fees on the tuition bill. Commonly known as a bystander effect, the reason that fewer people opt-out is not a change in the level of support, but the fact that many people don't realize how one fee differs from others on the bill, so they feel obliged to pay all fees in full.

It has been the University's stance that the student activities fee should go solely to the support of student activities that have a direct tie to the campus community. This allows for a direct allocation of funds received from the fee to the activities, for accountability of the staff and students in the use of the funds, and it protects students from being solicited by a wide variety of non-university special interest groups. This stance was not developed capriciously; rather, it is based on the decisions of state and federal courts in how fees should be implemented

on campus and the best practices many of the professionals in higher education espouse.

The fees used to fund organizations such as NJPIRG have been adjudicated on legality, infringement on students' freedom of speech, and, in one case, the accusation of misuse of funds by NYPIRG.

For a brief history of mandatory student fees, go to www.thefireguides.org/guides/student-fees-2.pdf, a publication from the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE). FIRE is a non-profit educational foundation that is devoted to free speech, individual liberty, religious freedom, rights of conscience, legal equality, due process, and academic freedom on our nation's campuses. FIRE has no connection to NJPIRG or to Drew University.

So what are we really voting for when we go to the polls on Nov. 19 and 20? We are voting for more than our support for a new organization at Drew. We are voting on whether or not to open our tuition bills to the solicitation of any non-university interest group. We can't afford to take this vote lightly — there's a lot more than \$19.30 (or \$25,000 a year) at stake.

Inform yourself.

Attend the Town Meeting, hosted by the SGA, on Monday, Nov. 17, 2003 and VOTE.

Office of Student Life

NJPIRG chapter fights for students and citizens

To the Editor:

New Jersey Public Interest Research Group Student Chapters is an organization that fights for students and citizens; an organization that brings vital issues to the attention of the public; an organization that works to solve real world problems with viable solutions, and gets huge results.

NJPIRG Student Chapters is an organization that works hard to clean up our environment, protect consumers, end hunger and homelessness, and fight for a strong, fair democracy.

On Nov. 19, 2003, NJPIRG Student Chapters will kick off their two-day referendum in order to establish a chapter here at Drew. This referendum will show student support for a program that will allow us to have a voice on local and national issues. This referendum will show student support to fund this program through a refundable fee of \$9.65, added to the student activities fee each semester.

In exchange for supporting the funding, the benefits Drew University will receive will be immeasurable. Just this semester, NJPIRG Student Chapters was a part of a statewide effort to register 10,000 students to vote, they collected 634 non-perishable food items from the Madison community in two hours, they collected over 200 handwritten letters and other public comments to protect our key environmental laws; this

is what has happened in one semester here at Drew.

Having a NJPIRG Student Chapter would fill an important place in the life of Drew students. It would give us the opportunity to make an impact on issues that we care about, like saving the remaining wild areas in America, ensuring that our voices are heard on higher education issues, organizing large service events to fight hunger and homelessness both across the nation and here in Morris county, and giving students the opportunity to influence policy and make this world a better place.

NJPIRG Student Chapters is funded and directed by students. We are excited to be a part of an organization that wins battles and stands up for the students and citizens of New Jersey. We encourage the student body to vote "yes" for NJPIRG Student Chapters.

David Whitcomb
Co-Chair of The Alliance and Office Coordinator of the Volunteer Resource Center
Katja Hakim,
Vice President of College Democrats
Mary Beth Waterbury
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Nicole Virelles
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Co-Chair of The Alliance
Anna Muldoon
Women's Concerns board member



ACORN FILE PHOTO
The Women's Rugby Club is under investigation for hazing.

Women's rugby club to face charges

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ing tradition amongst the sports teams, but he said that the appreciations do revolve around alcohol and drinking.

While he declined to go into detail about the different appreciations, Codell feels that it's unfortunate they give people a negative opinion of rugby.

"There is a chance that these things get out of hand but they can happen at any party — it's not just a rugby thing," Codell said.

NJPIRG a divisive issue for Drew campus

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NJPIRG does, she does not want to set a precedent for supporting outside organizations. "My concern is that once we implement fees for non-university groups, we could open that door for everyone," she said. "It gets very dicey."

NJPIRG is different from other Drew clubs and organizations, because it is a statewide group. "That money doesn't stay on campus. How do we regulate those funds?" Under present University policy, ECAB allocates money which comes from student tuition to clubs. About \$60,000 is divided among some 40 clubs.

Any money going to charity and non-profit groups must be fundraised. Muir said that several options were presented to NJPIRG, including one in which students would have to specifically request on their tuition bills to give NJPIRG money. None of the money-raising methods proposed by the administration was deemed to be large enough by NJPIRG.

If the opt-out method is approved, 80 percent of Drew students would have to pay to raise the necessary \$25,000. In NJPIRG's experience at other institutions, this

method has fewer than 20 percent of students requesting refunds. Gretchen Ludwig, the professional campus organizer for NJPIRG, said: "I don't see it as an outside organization because [the Drew chapter] would be here on campus ... I honestly don't think the funding is as much of an issue as people are making it."

Ludwig's job is to work with students and help train them in organizing events, working with the media, and showing them how to "effectively make changes and solve problems." She feels having a professional like herself "allows you to do a lot more work." Ludwig likened the situation to that of a bridge being built by the government. The government would not go door-to-door asking people to give money.

The opt-out method is "more of a community decision," she said. "It's a pretty powerful thing for students to be able to decide this."

Many people support NJPIRG being on campus, including members of the administration who are against this form of funding — it has yet to be seen how many support paying for it in their tuition. Yet without the opt-out method being approved, the Drew chapter of

NJPIRG is likely to fold. "People have been separating these two [issues]," said Ludwig, "but it's really the same thing: do students want to have this program on campus?"

Drew University Treasurer Joe Kelly emphasized that "I personally support PIRG with my own money, so I'm not against it," but added that "[Drew has] a method for funding groups, and that's the way we should handle it."

He said that if there is not enough money in the ECAB budget, then it should be increased, but he questions whether the extra money should be given to NJPIRG, or split among multiple programs.

Jennifer Siaca, the Interim Chapter Chair of Drew's NJPIRG chapter, believes NJPIRG "focuses on a lot of issues that are very important to a lot of students and the way the group is organized. It helps students to act on these issues and have a much larger impact than we could without the organization." In addition to many volunteer activities, it also provides an internship program, Siaca said.

Director of Student Activities Maria Miceli-Jacobson said, "NJPIRG advocacy is wonderful, but [other] groups on campus are doing the same thing with a lower

budget. Miceli-Jacobson, and others on both sides of the issue, stressed that it is important for students to vote, and to be educated about what they are voting on.

The voter turnout is expected to be in the upper hundreds, and possibly even to break 1,000, compared to the usual 500 people, according to Student Government Association Attorney General Adam Alonso. SGA President Corey Bower said, "I think this is an issue that the students should decide and not the administration, and want to support whatever the students vote for." Alonso concurred that it is important for the students to vote on this. "The SGA has worked exceptionally hard this year to involve the administration in the decision process," Alonso said. "In order for the administration to take students seriously, we need to vote. If people don't go vote, they're going to have no voice. Whether it's for the program or against the program, I hope it's a sufficient number, that it's not a number with a question mark next to it."

There will be a meeting Monday at 9 p.m. in the UC to inform students more about the issue.

Kean and 9/11 Commission request key documents

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the necessary documents the White House was reluctant to grant access to. On Nov. 7, the Commission released a statement reporting that it voted to issue a subpoena requiring the production of certain documents

from the Department of Defense. However, on Wednesday it was stated that the Commission had "reached an agreement with the White House on a process that will provide the Commission with access to those key documents while recognizing the sensitivity of the information contained in them."

"We need access to every single document," Kean said. "A subpoena is one way to go, but it takes a long time." Time is what they don't have, since the Commission's findings are due in May 2004. Kean said that the Commission currently has "two mil-

lion documents in hand."

The National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States was created to "find out what happened [on and leading up to Sept. 11, 2001] and make recommendations for the future," Kean said. He said that students and members of

the Drew community are welcome to attend the public hearing Nov. 19.

"I've given this much time to [the Commission]," Kean said, saying it was his request to bring his fellow Commission members to see the campus for this hearing. "Now I want to give something back to Drew."

How Has Your Life Changed Since Becoming an RA?

Ashley Payne, Senior, 3rd year RA, Hoyt Hall-

Since I have become an RA, my confidence has increased substantially. This heightened confidence is helpful in my position as an RA, but more importantly it extends across all other areas of my life.



Erin Jessen, Junior, 2nd year RA, Tolley Hall-

People recognize me around campus more since becoming an RA and come to me more for help.



Farhanna Balgahoom, Senior, 1st year RA, Brown Hall-

Since being an RA, I've built a lot of confidence because I know that I can create a comfortable living environment for everyone on the floor. I've made some great friends and learned how to balance the role of friend and leader. I've also learned how to make ethical decisions on the spot.



Jen Wozniakewicz, Sophomore, 1st year RA, Holloway Hall-
Since becoming an RA I have become more outgoing and willing to meet new people.



Josh Griffith, Junior, 1st year RA, McClintock Hall-
I am looked at as a leader in the community and I have a greater chance to impact people's lives.



Want to learn how you can change your life?
Come to an info session and learn about becoming an RA!
Tuesday, November 18 at 8 PM in Baldwin Basement
Wednesday, November 19 at 8 PM in Baldwin Basement
Monday, November 24 at 11 AM in Baldwin Main Lounge

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This week's question:
"What do you think of
this year's Forum
speakers?"



"They seem to have an emphasis on Republicans, too conservative for my taste. I think we are catering to Tom Kean's political influence."

— Justin Zaremba, sophomore



"The one speaker I am familiar with is Henry Kissinger. I am excited to hear him because of his fame and caliber."

— LaToya Spires, freshman



"Thematically, Drew should try something other than politics and journalism. They did that last year with the Forum speakers."

— Kathleen Brennan, senior



"It's a highly impressive, excellent selection of people. It's a good opportunity for college students to hear and experience their opinions."

— Sandy Nestor, sophomore



"No one can disagree that Drew students lean towards a liberal stance and I think it's a good thing to bring in people with dissenting opinions."

— Bart Andreacchi, left, junior

"I'm impressed with Drew's ability to attract these high profile people."

— Steve Andreacchi, right, junior

THE ACORN POLL

What do you think of the contribution of theme houses at Drew?

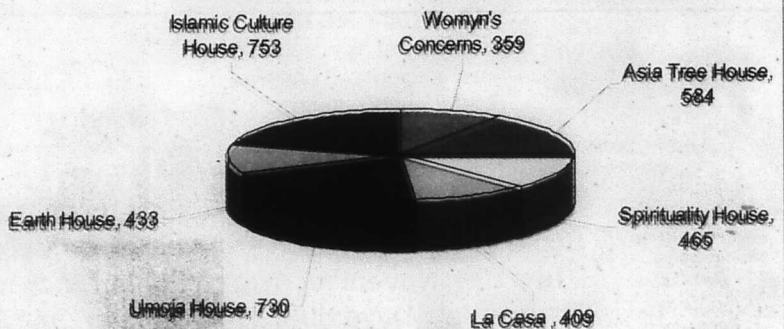
Students ranked the contribution of theme houses on a scale of 1-7 (1 being the highest). The values in the graph represent a cumulative score of all the rankings in the poll. Therefore, the lower the number, the higher the contribution.

Diversity at Drew, a common topic of discussion, is a concern to the entire community. Drewids often feel that there is a lack of diversity on our campus.

Theme houses are the only living environments at Drew that offer students the chance to experience something different and reach out to the entire community. How effective is each individual theme house in reaching out to the Drew community?

According to the Poll, Womyn's Concerns contributes the most to the Drew community.

On the opposite end of the spectrum, the Islamic Culture House received the highest ranking, meaning the polled students feel that it contributes the least to the Drew community. One student said, "I didn't even know we had an Islamic Culture House."



135 students polled



ENTERTAINMENT

Comics bring post-college humor to Drew

Patrick McCluskey
Entertainment Editor

Steve Hofstetter and Josh Jacobs met at sleep away camp in 1995. Years later, their friendship continues as they share their comedic talents in their "I Don't Want a Real Job" tour, which came to The Space on Wednesday night. The tour is currently promoting Hofstetter's new book *Student Body Shots*. The book is a look at the comedy in living as a college student in today's time.

He got his break in comedy at a New York City comedy club called the Underground Lounge. During January of his senior year at Columbia University, Hofstetter began at the club. After some good shows, he suggested that the club, reliant on Columbia's students, open a new location near New York University's campus to draw on its students.

Hofstetter's routine at Drew ranged from making fun of Arnold Schwarzenegger, to the more universal sex jokes: "I'm scared I'm going to get some scary disease these days, like... fatherhood."

As for future plans, Hofstetter explained his plan, "Write a book a year, a column a week and everything else is gravy."

Jacobs acted as more of a host



PHOTOS BY MEGAN WALLNER

Stand-up comedians Ben Morrison, left, Josh Jacobs, above, and Steve Hofstetter, right, perform at The Space on Wednesday night.

than having a comedic routine at this show.

He joined the tour basically because its title of unemployment personified his current situation. Jacobs began acting when he studied abroad in Australia for six months. This lead to his interest in comedy which he also tried to develop while in Australia.

Jacobs also recently ran for New Jersey State Assembly under the

Unemployment Party, which he created himself. Although the idea began as somewhat of a joke, the campaign became serious and Jacobs worked to get elected. However, he only received 458 votes. He explained that with a budget that "was a single digit percent in comparison to other candidates," it was hard to work with. However, he said "I think I would consider running again."

Guest comedian Ben Morrison

also took the stage. Making fun at his schooling at NYU's Tisch School of Drama, he joked, "You have to call your mother to tell her you lost a scholarship because you can't weep in a corner." He also joked, "Having sex in a twin bed is like having sex in a coffin with sheets." His alcohol tendencies were also fodder for his routine. "Blackout Ben should not be allowed alcohol and a cell phone with

a camera," he said, explaining how everyone he knows has been getting random, inappropriate photos after he's consumed more alcohol than he can remember.

Morrison was on the *Ricki Lake* show yesterday in a "comic goes on a date" segment. He was also on television when he hosted an episode of El's show *Wild On* series. He and Hofstetter met while both working with the Comedy Soapbox.

Religious themes explored in the artworks of El Greco

The Metropolitan Museum of Art is currently housing the "El Greco" exhibition, which will run until Jan. 11, 2004. The show is fairly large and con-

Crete; hence the name El Greco. In the late 1570s, after a time in Italy, El Greco finally settled in Toledo, Spain. El Greco is a Mannerist painter, and his paintings share the characteristics of other artists, such as Parmigianino or Pontormo.

He uses vivid "acid" colors in his compositions, and his figures are elongated to the point of absurdity. Giant robes hide figures that do not exist beneath them. El Greco would have had exposure to the Italian Mannerists during his stay in cities such as Rome and Venice.

The subject matter which El Greco deals with are predominantly religious, and the Met's exhibition is full of religious images such as *The Adoration of the*

Name of Jesus, dated 1577 or *The Resurrection*, dated from the late 1590s. However, El Greco also painted mythological themes, *Laocoön*, dated 1610 and *Portraits* such as *Fray Hortensio*, *Félix Paravicino* dated 1906. Scholars believe there is a pressing psychological aspect in much of his work.

According to the Met, there has not been a comprehensive El Greco exhibition in the United States since 1982, so if you appreciate his work, do not miss this opportunity. Any art buff would be interested in this exhibition, not only because El Greco was a wonderful artist, but because of the inspiration he has given to many other artists throughout history.



The Adoration of the Name of Jesus by El Greco

MET.MUSEUM.COM

Perspectives On Art



Lauren Swartz
Art Columnist

sists of roughly 70 to 80 paintings by El Greco. The Met has compiled a fairly accurate representation of works from the majority of his career.

El Greco (1541-1614), or Domenikos Theotokopoulos, is considered a Spanish painter, despite the fact that he was born in

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• Tonight at 7 p.m. in UC 107, Kuumba is holding a celebration of African Emphasis Weekend by having a fraternity perform different dance routines. Come out and learn a step while you are there.

• Thursday night in The Space at 10:30 p.m. come out and see piano-based pop star Jennifer Marie.

THE SCOOP!

SHORT & SWEET MOVIE REVIEWS

New Releases:

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2Pac: Resurrection ☺

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Brother Bear ☺

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The Matrix Revolutions ☹

Radio ☹

Scary Movie 3 ☹

Information from
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NEW DVD RELEASES

The Grateful Dead:
The Closing of
Winterland

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Terminator 3 — Rise of
the Machines

Three's Company —
Season One

NEW ALBUM RELEASES

2Pac, Resurrection

Dream Theater,
Train of Thought

G-Unit, Beg For Mercy

Jay-Z, The Black Album

Pearl Jam, Lost Dogs

BILLBOARD TOP FIVE SINGLES

1. "Baby Boy"
— Beyoncé feat. Sean Paul
2. "Stand Up"
— Ludacris feat. Shawnna
3. "Holidae In"
— Chingy feat. Ludacris & Snoop Dogg
4. "Damn"
— YoungBloodz feat. Lil Jon
5. "Here Without You"
— 3 Doors Down

Information from billboard.com

Something Corporate's new CD is all business

Whether you call its music punk, emo or a blend of both, it's undeniable Something Corporate, or as the band's fans call it SoCo, has talent. Its sophomore album, *North* showcases this exact talent with a fresh spin on their songs.

North is the follow-up to the band's debut album *Leaving Through The Window*. Although there are differences between the two CDs, *Leaving Through The Window* has a little more of a pop

influence than *North*, meaning the second album has a more mature, harder sound.

Yet, SoCo has not let its faithful fans down by altering its sound a little. When artists alter their sound, it should not be viewed as an entirely bad thing. This alteration shows that they are very versatile and are not repetitive with their music. What it all comes down to is that Something Corporate's new CD *North* is a great addition to any CD collection.

Some of the exceptionally good tracks include:

"Home"

This song is pretty catchy and shows off SoCo's flexibility in its sound. The message of the song is to give another person space, as we all need a little space to breathe.

"Only Ashes"

The styles that are incorporated into this song are heavier guitar riffs than normal SoCo songs in harmony with the chorus. In the song, the ashes are used as a metaphor for feelings.

"Me and the Moon"

This is what we would expect to be a more typical Something Corporate song as opposed to the rest of the album. Lead singer Andrew McMahon adds piano melodies to the song, which gives the song more of an impact on the listener. The lyrics to this song are easily open to interpretation, which is always good.

"21 and Invincible"

This song can also be considered a more "traditional" song by SoCo. The lyrics to the song are quite funny. The song is about a 21-year-old who believes that he is "In power for the

CD

Review

Karin
Greenberg
Contributing
Writer

North,

Something Corporate



Released:

Oct. 21

Rating:

(out of 5)



Something Corporate's new CD *North* was released on Oct. 21.

Five essential albums for your collection

Eddie Modzelewski

Assistant Entertainment Editor

There are many important things people need in their lives: food and water, the bond of friendship, a feeling of love, and music. Music keeps people going. It can serve as an inspiration, an occupation and a way of life. It has proved to be a very important part of my life and I believe that I wouldn't be able to live without it. Here are, in my opinion, five of the greatest albums of all time that keep me going.

One of the best albums of all time, by arguably the best guitar player of all time, is *Axis: Bold as Love*, by the Jimi Hendrix Experience. The man revolutionized music as we know it. He took his music, along with his guitar playing to a level that people had never dreamed about. The album features seminal classics such as "Little Wing," "Spanish Castle Magic" and "Castles Made of Sand." The album is not only awesome because of the stellar guitar playing, but also because

of the highly poetic and beautiful lyrics that Hendrix wrote. "Axis: Bold as Love" is a must-have album. Human lives are incomplete without it.

The Red Hot Chili Peppers have put out many great albums in its two-decade music career, but none of the band's albums compare to its ingenious 1991 release, *Blood Sugar Sex Magik*. This album reached a new high of music creativity in the early 90s. The combination of Anthony Keidis' soulful singing, 18-year-old John Frusciante's prodigious guitar playing, Flea's solid bass licks, and Chad Smith's thundering drumming. The album will always be popular because of the hit song "Under the Bridge," but there is much more to the 17-song LP than just that one song. It is a funk-filled album that makes you want to "rock out with your," well, just ask George Clinton.



Axis: Bold as Love

One of the best rap albums ever is "Ready to Die" by the late rap legend Notorious B.I.G. Before the East Coast / West Coast feud, Biggie was just rapping about Brooklyn, what he had to go through before he made it big, and then enjoying his newly acquired wealth. Biggie was a rap pioneer and the songs that came on *Ready to Die*, such as "Things Done Changed," "Gimme the Loot" and "Sky's the Limit" definitely made him a lyrical genius. He will always remain supreme as the king of rap and Brooklyn's finest.

Sublime's self-titled album was the best album released during my adolescence. I can remember hearing "What I Got" over the radio and falling in love with the rock and hip-hop-fused beats. Every single song on that entire album is awesome. There's really

no way of putting it into a musical category either, because the album mixes punk rock, folk, reggae, hip-hop and thrash all in one amazing album. Albums don't get much better than this, and it is a shame to think that such a young band put out such a great album, and it all went down the drain because of hero-

ine. Another album that proves to be one of the best albums of all time is Elton John's *Goodbye Yellow Brick Road*. Elton's awesome piano playing and amazing voice make this album a timeless classic. The lyrics of Bernie Taupin flow into genius songs like "Bennie and the Jets," "Social Disease" and "The Ballad of Danny Bailey." If you can remember back before his *Lion King* days, Elton John could rock the house just as well as any other rocker around. Truthfully, I'm more of a fan of guitar players, but the piano work of *Goodbye Yellow Brick Road* takes me places that I have musically never been before.

Mixed Nuts



• You'd think that being the runner-up on *American Idol*, one of the most popular reality shows in the history of the genre, would make your life infinitely better.

Well, that's not the case for Justin Guarini. The mop-topped co-star of *From Justin to Kelly* is being sued by a Pennsylvania couple who allege that he rear-ended them in a traffic accident in March of last year. The couple is seeking more than \$100,000 in damages for the incident. In another story about an *American Idol* runner-up and getting rear-ended, Clay Aiken's 25th birthday is at the end of the month.

• Prince Charles has recently denied allegations of an "incident" he's involved in. Rumors are that it involves a male servant Charles had sexual contact with. Add this to Lady Di's untimely death and it looks like Prince William is on the road to a psychotic breakdown in about three years. And then there's Prince Harry, but, honestly, who gives a damn about that ugly little toad.



• Renee Zellweger is fat again. The *Chicago* star's weight has seen-sawed about as much as Oprah's, but with actual cause. Zellweger packed on the pounds for the original *Bridget Jones's Diary* film, then lost it again. Now that she's filming the sequel the fat is back, but her boyfriend is jumping ship. Zellweger's most recent beau, White Stripes singer Jack White, is displeased with his lady's new zaftig figure. This should strike anyone familiar with the White Stripes as a bit odd. Meg White, Jack's ex-wife and fellow band member, is quite plump around the edges herself. Zellweger has recently been spotted crying and eating chocolates, though it's not clear if it's serious or rehearsing.



ARIES (March 21-April 19). You think you know it all this week, and guess what. You kinda do. People around you depend on you to be the competent one, so stay organized, and don't delegate so much that you lose touch. Empathy for your fellow man on Tuesday is important to the state of your soul. Friday, make sure to tell loved ones what's on your mind.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You really want to please those close to you, but don't try too hard. When you follow your own bliss, you end up making others happy in the long run, even though there might be some initial adjustments early on. The cat is out of the bag on Thursday — you now have all the information you need to make the right choice.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There's so much more potential in your work situation than you've been getting out of it lately. Give some thought to how you can maximize your time, and then, really sell your idea on Tues-

THIS WEEK'S
day. Friends help you out in a big way on Friday. You needn't repay them immediately, so just accept their gifts graciously.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Now through Monday, you are very lucky when you close the rest of the world out and concentrate. Someone you admire admires you right back on Thursday. Your good mood lasts through the weekend. People who've guided you in the past have more to say on Saturday.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). What you learn by word of mouth is credible. Monday, you are selfless enough to really put yourself in another person's shoes. You'll be rewarded for your maturity and compassion. Thursday, romance gets a new wind. Charitable feelings rule the weekend. Make sure an organization is on the level before donating.

HOROSCOPE

by Joyce Jillson

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Early in the week, you get testy — it's all because you know things could be better, and you don't want to give up your perfect vision. If you slip, you'll have a chance to take back those ill-chosen words on Friday. Once you repair things, sin no more. Though you may not know it, loved ones are taking a cue from you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Monday and Tuesday, you might feel like you're spinning your wheels, but something positive comes out of the frustration later in the week. For instance, you could save a great deal of money because you had to wait to purchase something. Release your impatience, and let things happen naturally.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). This week, couples must make romance a priority, or

things get too hectic to revel in the special moments of love. Singles find eligible cuties on Thursday or Friday. Also on Friday, it's prudent to know where you stand with a generous person before you accept a gift. Take fabulous care of your physical self on Saturday.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). A loved one could ask you to make a bigger commitment — something you've got time to consider. A situation with a child will improve Thursday when you stop pressing and start listening. Your financial life stabilizes after you check the books on Friday. Exciting travel is featured before the week is up.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your social life teams you with different kinds of friendships this week. You see hidden facets of people,

which serves you both in business and pleasurable matters. Romantic progress inches along — it's good that you're careful, but be careful not to be inadvertently cold toward one who really loves you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Soul searching inspires a new outlook. Do something on Tuesday to revitalize your appearance. Special relationships help you with job advancement, but don't feel guilty, as the benefits are mutual. Thursday, family members show they love you. Make sure you really understand what is expected of you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). This is a good week to be methodical and careful. Great care is required in regard to expense accounts and other minor business matters. Wednesday features a choice that affects your romantic destiny. Don't let the voice of reason get drowned out by passion. A short trip on Friday can alleviate the pressure you feel.

REASONS TO CELEBRATE

Tomorrow: *America Recycles Day*

Monday: *Mickey Mouse's Birthday*

November is:

American Indian Heritage Month
World Communication Month

Information from earthcalendar.net

THIS WEEK'S CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Last week's answers:

SCAT	BETA	BET
ALMA	ELOPE	GORE
FAIR	HAIRD	ONIN
END	ANTE	IRONED
BRIE	STUD	
STPETE	RAINFALL	
NORSE	HALO	ELIA
UNIT	WAKEN	LILI
TIOS	AYES	CLEAN
SCREENED	TRANCE	
LENS	THIS	
STELLA	SIRE	BAU
TOBE	BETTER	HALF
AFAR	EXILE	ARLO
GUY	TRES	SPAS

THIS WEEK'S

JUMBLE O' WORDS

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SURVICE O _ _ O _ _ _

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Now unscramble the circled (or "ovalled," or whatever) letters to find this week's

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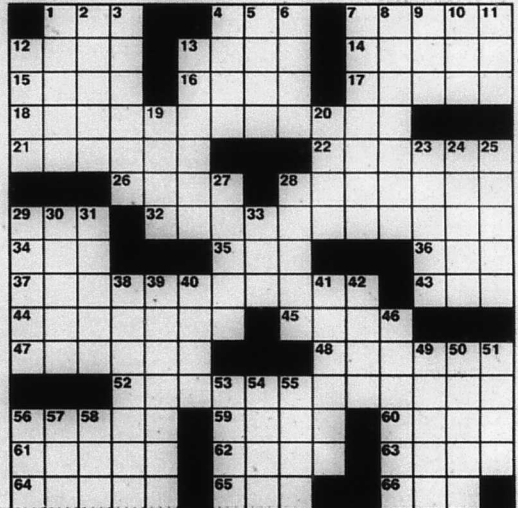
An opening in one of your courses might be called a:

Last week's Jumble went a little somethin' like this:

GHUTTO was **THOUGHT**
BELUNA was **UNABLE**
LAGEROCATIC was **CATEGORICAL**
AVIPERTIME was **IMPERATIVE**
LOMAR was **MORAL**
NAMEYRG was **GERMANY**

And the most incapable philosopher is:
IMMANUEL CAN'T

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| ACROSS | DOWN | | |
| 1 One might say "WELCOME" | 1 Aesopian conclusion | 11 Travel-schedule estimate: Abbr. | 39 Map dots |
| 4 Nova network | 2 In any way | 12 Where Des Moines is | 40 _-do-well |
| 7 12 Down, for example | 3 Had a chat | 13 Capital of Alaska | 41 Shows appreciation |
| 12 Greek vowel | 4 Sign of hunger | 19 Composer Stravinsky | 42 Put up, as a portrait |
| 13 Corner in Monopoly | 5 Auction actions | 20 Neighbor of Iraq | 46 Like ducks' feet |
| 14 Needle end | 6 Schedule opening | 23 Bolivian beast | 49 Asian peninsula |
| 15 Not written | 7 Distance between | 24 Indian pole | 50 Occupied |
| 16 Reverse, as an action | 8 Prepared to shoot | 25 Buck of country music | 51 "Zip-_-Doo-Dah" |
| 17 Main blood vessel | 9 What we breathe | 27 Hosiery problems | 53 Show appreciation |
| 18 Twiglike insect | 10 Blasting material | 28 King of myth | 54 Actor Cronyn |
| 21 Declare in court | | 29 Indian prince | 55 Graphic symbol |
| 22 Theater district | | 30 _ Gay (WWII plane) | 56 James Bond, for one |
| 26 "I say, not..." | | 31 Hindu mystics | 57 Chicken _ king |
| 28 "I Write the Songs" singer | | 33 Small nibble | 58 Roofing material |
| 29 Spanish king | | 38 Utility pipeline | |
| 32 Candidate's partner | | | |
| 34 _-win situation | | | |
| 35 Lend a hand | | | |
| 36 Fellows | | | |
| 37 Runner's trail | | | |
| 44 Assumed names | | | |
| 45 Bandleader Artie | | | |
| 47 Inconvenience | | | |
| 48 Physical weakness | | | |
| 52 Parade musicians | | | |
| 56 Evil One | | | |
| 59 Gambler's hope | | | |
| 60 Sky color | | | |
| 61 Tartan pattern | | | |
| 62 Singer Tori | | | |



ANGERS' FALL SEASON

MEN'S SOCCER

Current Record (17-1-2)

Scranton	W 5-0
FDU	W 4-0
DeSales	W 1-0

Upcoming Events

11/14	11 a.m. Virginia Wesleyan
11/15	1 p.m. NCAA 3rd round

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Final Record (12-5-3)

Lycorning	W 2-1
FDU	W 0-0
	(advanced on PK's)
Scranton	L 5-0

FIELD HOCKEY

Final Record (13-7)

Lebanon Valley	W 5-3
Delaware Valley	W 5-2
King's	W 2-1 (OT)

SWIMMING

Current Record (1-1)

FDU	Men W 81-46
	Women W 101-80
Scranton	Men L 115-80
	Women L 116-55

Upcoming Events

11/15	1 p.m. at Lebanon Valley with Juniata
11/22	1 p.m. Lycorning
11/25	5 p.m. NYU with Baruch

FENCING

Current Record (0-0)

Upcoming Events

11/15-16	Penn State Open
12/7	NIWFA Xmas Tourney
1/12	at Princeton

Don't flip channels when these athletes are on

We all have them. They are the players who we secretly root for because they are so much fun to watch, even if we can't stand their teams.



View From
the Hub

Ben Weisman
Sports Columnist

Certain players just know how to play the game, and do it in such a way that we can't stop watching them. Some of them do one thing really well, while in other cases the excitement comes from the all-around talent. Each sport has a few, and I thought it would be incredibly generous of me if I let you, my humble reader, see a list of the top five most exciting athletes in sports. Isn't that nice of me?

As always, if you have a comment, please e-mail me at viewfromhub@yahoo.com.

Barry Bonds: (San Francisco Giants, baseball) It is said that the home run is the sexiest thing in sports. Right now, there is no more exciting home run hitter in the game of baseball than Barry Bonds. Like Mark McGwire before him, Bonds doesn't just hit home runs, he crushes them. On every pitch there is the potential for a baseball to take out a portion of the moon.

The talent that Bonds has is simply mind-boggling. I know I have, when the Giants are playing on national TV, timed it so that I switched back to ESPN just in time to see Bonds hit. When one player is the reason to watch a team, he certainly makes my list of most exciting players.

Mia Hamm: (USA Women's Soccer National Team) I hate soccer. I have tried numerous times to get into the sport, but have failed miserably. The only time I can stomach a game is when I know Hamm is playing. She makes this incredibly difficult game look easy, and for that I both hate and love her. I really can't talk about specifics of

her game, because I don't particularly understand it, but I know that when she is on the field I will be glued to the television. When someone makes a sport look as easy as Hamm does then that makes them unbelievably exciting to watch. She — and the Drew teams — almost makes me want to give soccer another chance.

Jason Kidd: (New Jersey Nets, basketball) There are a million reasons to dislike Kidd. However, one of the reasons to love him is the way he plays basketball. He passes, he shoots, he scores and he rebounds. I have never seen a player with the ability to take over all aspects of a game the way Kidd does. If the game is close, and he decides that his team needs a basket, he will create a shot for himself and score. I feel like he could take on any player in the NBA on one.

He is a true floor general, and if he is on, the Nets are almost impossible to stop. I should know, having watched them beat up on my Celtics time and again. Kidd's talent is incredible, and he is very exciting to watch.

Michael Jordan: I'm not sure where he is, or what he is doing now. Whatever it is, I am sure he is doing it in a way that is far more exciting than anyone else doing the same thing. I know he is retired, and so technically not eligible for this list, but I decided that he just has to be on this list. Since it is my list, he is on it.

Michael Vick: (Atlanta Falcons, football) When healthy, he is the most exciting player in sports, hands down. When injured, he is still among the most exciting players in sports. He makes more potential tacklers miss than your average ... well, anything that makes people miss. He is a running back in a quarterback's body. I swear I have seen him run through people on several occasions. I am convinced that the only time anyone can ever really tackle him is when he decides he is tired of running. He's that good. I will watch Falcons games just to see him play. I am disappointed every time he hands the ball off or throws to a

receiver. He is so incredibly exciting, and I can't wait until he gets himself back on the field.

The Knuckleball: (baseball) I know this is a pitch and not an athlete, but I don't care. It is still one of the most exciting things in sports. It is a pitch where absolutely no one knows where it is going to end up. Wow! It doesn't get more exciting than that. I've sat behind home plate, and to see that ball flutter up to the plate is surreal.

People who can make a career throwing this pitch simply amaze me. I can't list all of them here, be-

cause some of them are barely athletes. But what they all do have is the most exciting pitch in all of sports. Since their pitch is on the list, I invite any of them who want to, to feel special.

Don't forget to e-mail me with your most exciting athlete. Your thoughts could make it into a future edition of *View From the Hub*.

And finally, I'd like to wish the men's soccer team good luck in their game today. Make us prouder than we already are.

And give me a championship so I can feel better about the Red Sox losing.

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Kate Martin
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On Monday and Tuesday, students who don't normally get the chance to bask in an athletic spotlight became champions — if only for one day.

Both the intramural flag football and soccer teams competed for their respective championships — flag football on Monday at 8 p.m. and soccer on Tuesday at 9 p.m. The two championship games marked the end of the fall intramural season — a season which many students have lauded for its improved scheduling and public relations activities.

In the flag football championship, one of the competing teams was Beaver Fever, who defeated Nemo in the playoffs. Beaver was undefeated going into the championship game at 4-0. The other team was Sprinkles who beat Wreckin' Crew in the playoffs. Sprinkles lost to Wreckin' Crew in the regular season, making it the under-



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Senior Mike Zulawski (left) battles for control of the ball during Monday's intramural soccer championship game.

dog in the playoffs. However, Sprinkles was able to pull it together and defeated Wreckin' Crew in the playoffs to advance to the championship.

Sprinkles edged Beaver Fever 25-22 to take the championship.

In soccer, the Red Devils beat Team 3 in the playoffs, going into the championship with a record of 4-0. The

other team was Keystone FC, who beat Beckham in the playoffs and who also went into the championship 4-0.

The Red Devils beat Keystone FC 3-0 in the championship.

"I thought we played well," sophomore Keystone FC player Matt Alario said. "It was fun just to get to the finals."

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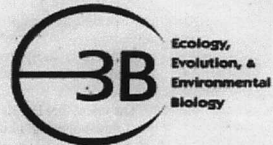
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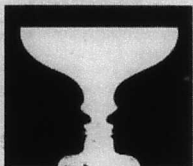
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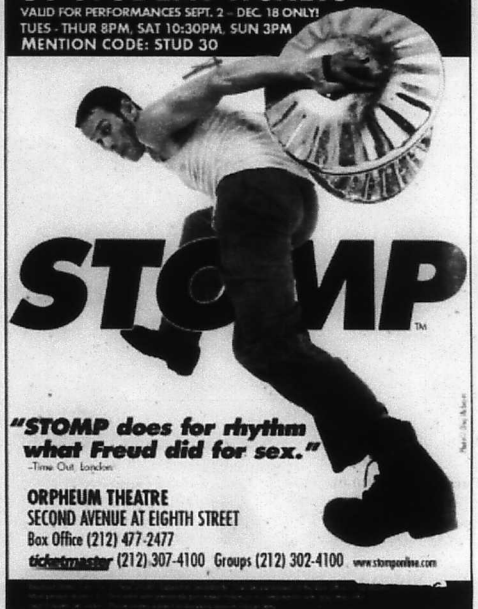
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Swimming paddles past FDU, sinks against Scranton

Corey Bower

Contributing Writer

It was an up and down week for both of the Ranger swim teams, as each team won their first meet of the season and then fell in their second.

On Saturday, Fairleigh Dickinson University — Florham made the journey to compete at the F.M. Kirby pool, and were treated to dominant victories by the Rangers. The men emerged with an 81-46 victory and the women triumphed 101-80.

The men's team won all nine individual events as well as both relays. Senior co-captain Brent Archer took the 50-yard freestyle and the 100-yard backstroke while fellow senior Adam Schulz dominated the distance events, winning the 1000- and 500-yard freestyles.

Junior Dave Walker was also a double winner, swimming away with victories in both the 200-yard freestyle and 100-yard breaststroke and the 200-yard freestyle. Freshman Vinnie Cavaliere also had a big meet for the Rangers, winning the 100-yard butterfly and 200-yard individual medley in his first dual meet as a Ranger. Junior Dave Capezza rounded out the victories with a strong swim

in the 100-yard freestyle.

The women's team also dominated the meet with FDU, winning seven of the nine individual events as well as both relays. Senior co-captain Kate Spain triumphed in the 200-yard freestyle and 100-yard backstroke while sophomore Sarah Roman won both the 500- and 1000-yard freestyles. Senior Lia Romano (100 Breaststroke), sophomore Kristin Beyard (100 Fly) and junior co-captain Brooke Affleck (200 IM) also emerged with victories for the women.

Both teams hosted another meet on Wednesday night against the University of Scranton, and the results were almost opposite as the men fell 115-80 and the women lost 116-55.

Despite losing the meet, the men were able to steal victories in four individual events as well as the final relay. Archer again took first place in both of his events, this time winning the 200-yard IM and the 200-yard Backstroke.

Schulz dominated the 1000-yard freestyle again, and Capezza did the same at the opposite end of the spectrum, winning the 50-yard freestyle. Most impressive was the final event of the meet, the 400-yard freestyle relay, where Schulz, Capezza, Walker and Archer combined to swim one



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Junior Dave Walker swims freestyle in the meet against Scranton on Wednesday. Both Ranger swim teams lost to Scranton, dropping their records to 1-1.

of the faster times in Drew history and easily defeat Scranton's entry in the event.

The women's team had even more difficulty, as Scranton took victories in every individual event, although Roman did place second in the 1000- and 500-yard freestyles.

Both teams attributed their loss to the size of the team first and foremost. As freshman Vinnie Cavaliere put it, "Our depth is a problem, but we have eight solid

swimmers." Unfortunately for the Rangers, Scranton had about twice as many people on their team, making victory almost impossible no matter how fast they swam.

From the start of the meet there was little prospect for victory. Freshman and Wisconsin native Ted Johnsen had an interesting perspective on the meet after watching the Green Bay Packers lose on

Monday night. "I think Brett Favre shows us all that we can be champions, and despite the Packers loss on Monday Night, I like Brett Favre, just had to go out and do my job and forget about what happened back home," Johnsen said.

The teams head to Lebanon Valley College tomorrow for a meet where the women will also compete against the women's team from Juniata College.



Drew and FDU swimmers dive into the pool at the Rangers' home dual meet against Scranton.

Sophomore's first place finishes lead equestrian team on Sunday

John Kubicek

Managing Editor

The Drew University equestrian team took a break from the Hunt Seat division last weekend to focus on the double Western show held at the United States Military Academy. The Western division differs in that there are fewer riders and it's a more lighthearted approach to riding horses. Riders are allowed to wear chaps and colorful shirts, some of which look like victims of a crazed Bedazzler.

The day passed by quicker than usual, even though two shows were run back-to-back. The Rangers finished third in the first show and second in the second, the second show featuring Drew's second win over USMA this season. While Drew currently stands in third overall for the year, USMA is only 4 points ahead.

During the first show, sophomore Kristine Kennedy pulled off two third-place finishes in her classes, helping her maintain her lead in the yearly race for overall points. In the second show, Kennedy scored a second in her Open Reining class, but only a sixth



SARAH HLUCHAN

Sophomore rider Gary Hochman scored two first-place finishes at the double Western show on Sunday.

in Open Western. With this, she now stands in second overall, behind USMA's Jared Marinos, who is also the current leader for the Hunt Seat race.

The show also saw two third place finishes for junior Allison Keane and one third place finish for junior Sarah Hluchan in the second show.

The team's strongest rider for the day was sophomore Gary Hochman, who pulled off two first

place finishes. The two blue ribbons were a large contributor to the team's success and also pushed him to within two points of qualifying for the regional finals. Hochman qualified the week before for his Hunt Seat class.

This ended the team's Western competitions for this semester, but another two or three should be held in the spring. Riders return to Hunt Seat competition on Sunday.

THE Pentagon

talks with sophomore field hockey defender
Brittany Westcott

1. Are you happy with the field hockey team's performance this season?

BW: We ended with a great win but not receiving an ECAC bid was a big disappointment.

2. What are your biggest strengths and weaknesses as a field hockey player?

BW: My speed and focus are definitely my strengths. My weakness is that sometimes I get too serious on the field.

3. Your team won the final five games of the season. Can you pinpoint anything that you did differently to turn things around?

BW: We picked up our sprinting and conditioning and I think that really helped out at the end. The end of the season double-sessions helped a lot as well.

4. I hear you're a surfer during the off-season. Can you tell me about your worst surfing experience?

BW: Well, one time a shark attacked me and I lost my right arm. Just kidding!

5. Looking back, what was one highlight of this season that you'd want to point out?

BW: It was definitely celebrating our assistant coach's birthday on several occasions.

Field hockey fails to win ECAC bid, ending season

Rachel Moss
Contributing Writer

Senior Kara Fetter and junior Colleen Mahon were a virtually unstoppable duo throughout the field hockey season. They achieved the remarkable feat of finishing the season ranked first and second, respectively, in the Freedom Conference in points.

Mahon is more of a distributor — she leads the conference in assists. Fetter ranks second in the conference in goals. Even more remarkably, both players can easily switch roles. Mahon falls just behind Fetter as the conference's third-leading goal scorer with Fetter just behind Mahon with the second-most assists in the conference this season.

With these impressive statistics, it seems appropriate that Drew's field hockey season would end on a Mahon-Fetter connection. On Saturday, Mahon passed to Fetter for the game-winning goal over King's College in overtime of the Freedom Conference finals.

The assist was Mahon's 18th and the goal was Fetter's 19th on the season. The victory which resulted from the goal granted Drew the Freedom Conference title for the fourth straight year.

Earlier in the season, Drew easily defeated King's, 4-1, in regula-



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Left: Junior Colleen Mahon (far right) and senior Kara Fetter embrace after Fetter's game-winning goal against King's College on Saturday. Right: Senior Kristen Scarpa chases down a loose ball against King's.



satisfying as it could have been," had the Rangers played well.

Unfortunately for the Rangers, their championship victory guaranteed them nothing further than the Freedom Conference title. Due to factors outside of the team's control, they could not secure an automatic bid into the NCAA tournament by winning their conference.

Since the Rangers were not invited to play in the regional

tion. However, as championship games often require, it took a little extra effort on the Rangers' part to come away with a victory on Saturday. The game was deadlocked until the 59th minute, when King's took a 1-0 lead. However, their lead did not last long. Just 33 seconds later, junior Ellen Balkovec tied the game off of an assist from Mahon.

The game remained close for the next 20 minutes, and the score stood at 1-1 when the final whistle blew. Pressure mounted as the

teams entered sudden-death overtime, in which the first team to score would win the game. It only took about 10 minutes for Mahon to find the opportunity she'd been waiting for. She crossed the ball to Fetter, who redirected it past the King's keeper for the win.

The Rangers felt that they should have had an easier time defeating King's, who had never reached the conference final before. Junior defender Anne Dorrance said that the victory was, "not as

Field Hockey All-Conference Team

FIRST TEAM

Kara Fetter Sr.
Colleen Mahon Jr.

SECOND TEAM

Sarah Bergmann Jr.
Kristen Scarpa Sr.

ECAC tournament, their season ended with their win over King's.

Despite the disappointment of not being invited to a post-season tournament, Drew can be pleased with what they accomplished this season. The Rangers finished first in their conference after compiling a 13-7 record, defeating a number of national powerhouses throughout the course of the season. "We had a really fun, successful season with a lot of highlights and a lot of excitement — winning the MACs, beating Muhlenberg, beating Lebanon Valley," junior Sarah Bergmann said. "Overall it was a good season and I think we're all happy about it."

Women's soccer stalls against Scranton in finals

Stephanie Backes

Contributing Writer

Finishing the season with a record 12-5-3, the women's soccer team improved upon last year's mark of 9-8-2. However, its season ended on a sour note with a 5-0 loss to University of Scranton in the Freedom Conference Championship on Saturday, leaving the team to focus on getting over the hump next season.

The Rangers traveled to Pennsylvania with hopes of avenging their loss to Scranton in the regular season. However, Scranton was all over Drew from the start. Goals by Alicia Sodano and Sara Suchoski gave Scranton a 2-0 advantage within the first 15 minutes of the game.

The Rangers were unable to make adjustments at the half. A breakaway from Suchoski gave Scranton a 3-0 lead. Sodano and Kelly Klingman then added a goal apiece to ice the victory for Scranton, 5-0.

The Rangers' best chance to avoid the shutout came with about

two minutes left. Junior Shinobu Bharaj got off a good shot, but Scranton goalie Kim McCormick kept the Rangers off the scoreboard with a diving save.

Head Coach Christa Racine was disappointed with the outcome of the game. She didn't believe the defense played to its potential, and wasn't able to create enough scoring opportunities. "We needed to stay more composed and play a more physical game," Racine said. "Scranton won all the 50-50 balls. You cannot play a championship game and not challenge the other team. I knew it was going to be a tough game — Scranton is 20-0-1. However, I'm disappointed we didn't have a better showing."

The players echoed their coach's words. "I am extremely disappointed with the loss," sophomore Rachel Moss said. "We came up intimidated because we knew they were a nationally ranked team and had a great record."

"Scranton is an incredible team, and we knew it would be a tough

Women's Soccer All-Conference Team

FIRST TEAM

Danielle Vento Sr.
Becca Harris Sr.
Lauren Aliano Sr.
Julie Strain So.

SECOND TEAM

Shinobu Bharaj Jr.
Rachel Moss So.

game, however, it was frustrating to lose 5-0," sophomore Julie Strain said. "We were able to keep up with them in the regular season, and would have liked to see a better game in the finals."

Though they were unable to secure the win against Scranton, the

Rangers are proud of the way they played during the season. Coach Racine felt one of the biggest accomplishments was turning losses from last year into wins. She credits their success to one of their greatest strengths — the leadership displayed by the team captains and seniors. According to Racine, they guided the team throughout the entire season.

Moss had nothing but praise for the seniors. "We are losing five great seniors who will be hard to replace," she said.

Strain reflected on the team's season. "It is sad to see the season end," she said. "We played amazing this entire year. Though we lost to Scranton, one game doesn't make the season — we played hard all year and greatly improved in every game. Our goal was to win 15 games, which we almost achieved. We want to come back next year and accomplish this."

Strain believes one of the team's biggest strengths was its ability to work together and play

as a team. She remarked that the team only lost one starter from the previous year, and came back fairly intact, and even more focused on achieving their goal.

Coach Racine noted that one of the team's biggest weaknesses was its lack of size overall. "We are a small team and play against teams that are stronger and bigger, which makes it easier for them to win," she said.

"I want to see the team rise to the challenge next year, especially in big games," Racine continued. "We beat teams who are average, now we have to work on teams who are above average. We need to rise to the occasion."

Strain agreed with her coach, and noted a particular team that the Rangers will have in their sights next season. "We plan on meeting Scranton again next year, and are working to defeat them," she said. "We didn't come prepared this year, but we'll be ready next season. We need to come out with a winning attitude, entering each game knowing that we are going to win."

Ranger of the Week

Mahon Player of the Week twice in 3 weeks

Brandon Picchierri

Contributing Writer

The ending of the Freedom Conference Championship game sums up the entire field hockey season. The game ended on a pass from junior Colleen Mahon to senior Kara Fetter, one of the many times they've connected this season.

Our Ranger of the Week this week, Mahon, assisted both of those goals, one in regulation and the aforementioned goal in OT, impressive enough to be named Ranger of the Week.

Listen to the awards she's com-

plied and try not to be impressed. As a freshman at Drew, she was Freedom Conference Rookie of the Year. As a sophomore, she was first team All-Conference, starting every game that season. This year, she's already been named to the first All-Conference team, and she's an Academic All-American. She has been named Freedom Conference Player of the Week twice in the past three weeks, and is the Freedom Conference assist leader this year. Not enough? Well, she's also second on the team in goals and first in assists. With senior scoring leader Kara Fetter graduating this spring, the Rangers can take some comfort that Mahon

will be back for a senior swan song.

With a nickname like "The Mailman" (no, not because she looks like Karl Malone), you know Colleen Mahon can deliver; and you'd better believe she has — Nearly 50 points this year, and more coming in the national finals. With 14 goals, 18 assists, Mahon is only a few points behind teammate and Conference Player of the Year (and a former Ranger of the Week) Kara Fetter, who has been on the receiving end of many of Mahon's gorgeous passes. The two have taken the reigns of the team this season, leading the team past Lebanon Valley College, Delaware Valley Col-



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Junior Colleen Mahon (left) led the Rangers in assists this season.

lege, and most recently, King's College.

All the way from Lake Lehman, Pa., Mahon was an All-State and All-Conference player in high school, having only picked up the

game a few years earlier. "I started as a freshman," Mahon said. It's a good thing she did, because without her, the field hockey team wouldn't be in the position they are entering next season.



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Men's soccer sinks DeSales, starts nationals today

Laura Moss
Contributing Writer

In Division III sports, winning the conference championship over seven local rivals is the ultimate culmination of an athlete's season of hard work and dedication, right?

Not so for the men's soccer team. When you have won the conference five years running, have not lost to a conference opponent in almost as long, and have consistently challenged the top teams in the nation, success is judged differently for you. For the men's soccer team, winning the conference championship has become expected. Though it affirms their domination, it is just the tip of the iceberg. Does this make winning the conference — a practice that has become habit for the Rangers and was accomplished once again Saturday against DeSales — any less sweet? Assistant Coach Dave Boutillier doesn't think so.

"The conference tournament is exciting every year since we always have a new group of kids coming in," Boutillier said. "Sure, the guys have much higher goals this year and want to get as deep into the postseason as possible, but winning the conference is still thrilling."

This year, however, Drew won the conference in atypical fashion — the other team actually had a chance. Though the Rangers dominated possession and were stronger in almost every statistical category, they struggled to capitalize on their opportunities. The game-winner did not hit the back of the net until the 61st minute, when senior midfielder Todd Kingston crossed the ball to senior Mike Woessner. Woessner's header rocketed past the DeSales goalkeeper, giving Drew the lead. Down by one, DeSales never threatened Drew's defense, and the

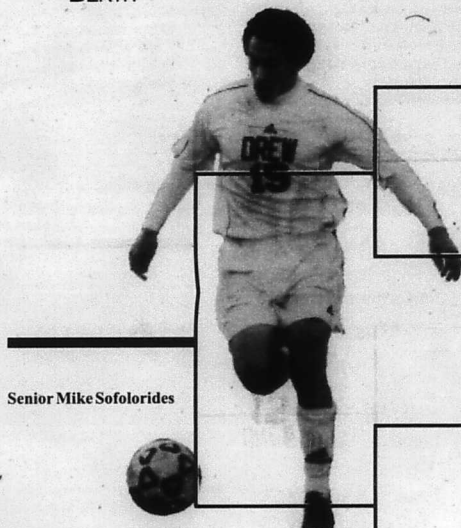
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Senior Mike Sofolorides

Rangers held out for the remaining 29 minutes to win 1-0.

"DeSales played very well in the finals," starting midfielder Ian Klein said. "It was nice to have a challenging game before NCAAAs."

For the Rangers, the season does not end here. Winning the conference ensures them an automatic bid into the NCAA tournament, giving them a chance to be named the top team in Division III soccer.

As if receiving an automatic tournament berth by virtue of winning the conference isn't honor enough, the Rangers get to experience the first two games at Drew. Due to their 17-1-2 record, the Rangers earned a bye in the first round of the tournament and the advantage of hosting the second

and third rounds. If they win both games, the Rangers would advance to the quarterfinals, putting them just three games away from becoming national champions.

The second round begins today at 11 a.m. on the grass field adjacent to Ranger Stadium. The Rangers will take on the Virginia Wesleyan College Marlins, who defeated Eastern University 3-2 on Wednesday (for more info on Virginia Wesleyan, see the box to the right). If the men are victorious, they will play again tomorrow at 1 p.m. against either Stevens Institute of Technology or Muhlenberg College.

Klein is optimistic about the team's chances of winning the national championship. "We have to take each game one at a time, but we have an excellent home record and having the first two games at home should really help us."

***DREW (17-1-2)**

Va. Wesleyan

***Va. Wesleyan (16-3-0)**

Eastern (14-3-2)

Stevens Institute (18-1-2)

Muhlenberg

***Muhlenberg (17-4-0)**

Gordon (14-3-4)

Messiah (17-2-2)

Penn St.-Behrend (14-4-2)

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Rowan

***Rowan (18-5-0)**

Alfred (9-5-4)

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Missing the men's soccer game?

Read *The Acorn's* recap hours after the final siren!

Click to www.drewacorn.com tonight for Laura Moss' recap of today's Rangers game against Virginia Wesleyan!

Who are these guys?

Now that the Rangers are in the national tournament, they'll potentially be playing teams that you may not be familiar with. The first of these is the Virginia Wesleyan College Marlins, who the Rangers take on today at 11 a.m. Here's a look at what the Marlins bring to the table.

Top scorer: Sophomore forward Kelvin Murray has 15 goals and 15 assists on the season, leading the Marlins in both categories. He also added an assist in the Marlins' first round win against Eastern.

Goalie: Virginia Wesleyan's starting goalie is senior Sean Wheaton, who has given up 15 goals on the season. Ranger goalie Peter Boyer, in comparison, has given up 3.

Coaching: Marlins Head Coach Sonny Travis has a career record of 238-72-30 in 15 seasons at Virginia Wesleyan.

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